

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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UNSPENT BUDGET
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the unspent provisions in the budget of the Government has totalled to Rs. 1,38,164.89 crore and there was an unspent budget of most of the ministries during 2000-01 to Rs.4446.47 ;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the sharp increase in the unspent provisions as compared to the sanctioned provisions ;
- (c) the reasons for not correcting the wrongs that lead to such huge unspent provisions in the budget ;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to fix the accountability and responsibility of the officials charged with unrealistic budgetary assumptions; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT G.GEETE)

(a) & (b) Out of total savings of Rs.1,38,164.89 crore as reflected in Appropriation Accounts (Civil) for the year 2000-01, savings to the extent of Rs.85,254.98 crore was from the Appropriation `Repayment of debt` and Rs.38,658.30 crore was from the Grant `Transfer to States and Union Territory Governments`. As the net expenditure in respect of appropriation `Repayment of debt` is `Nil`, savings under this appropriation should not be treated as savings in normal sense. The savings under the grant `Transfer to State and Union Territory Governments` was on account of a revised accounting procedure adopted from the year 2000-01 on the recommendations of Eleventh Finance Commission.

(c),(d) & (e) In view of (a) and (b) above, budgetary assumptions may not be considered unrealistic.